

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I am outraged that you would allow such conduct to go on unabated. Are you in the pocket of major media giants? What exactly is your responsibility and why do you think this is not part of your responsibility? You climb all over Howard Stern and his ilk but let something like this pass? Shame on you! Get a backbone and stand up to the ones you have been empowered to oversee and stand up for the ones you are SUPPOSED TO protect!

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.